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## Washington Chapel Won't Pray For Rain

GRAHAM, Wash. (BP) — If help doesn't come soon, Mt. Ranier Baptist Chapel just might rust away.

Supplies for the steel-and-wood structure have been delivered, but without help, the tiny pastorless congregation cannot possibly complete construction before the November rainy season begins.

The problem started last spring when building permits got snarled in bureaucratic red tape, said Bill Young, former pastor and building project coordinator, who resigned as pastor and building contractor because of health problems.

"We made sure we had a loan available from the church loans division of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, secured interim financing through a local bank, ordered supplies and arranged for three volunteer construction crews to come erect the

building," he explained.

"But when we couldn't get building permits until late July or early August, our chance to have the crews come out was shot down," he said.

Only about 40 persons currently attend the chapel, most of whom are women and children, he added. However, those who are able plan to work with a handful of volunteers from sponsoring First Baptist Church of Parkland, Wash., and two other volunteers.

"None of us has ever done steel work before, but we don't have money to hire a steel foreman or trained laborers," Young said. "We don't have a choice but to do the job ourselves. It's certainly going to be interesting."

Persons or groups who can help Mt. Ranier Baptist Chapel should contact Young at (206) 847-9282 or Bill Wilson of the Home Mission Board at (404) 873-4041.

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## Mississippi Convention To Feature Agency Heads

The Mississippi Baptist Convention meets Nov. 11-13 in Jackson with three Southern Baptist Convention agency chiefs among the guest speakers.

In addition, the convention, composed of messengers from the nearly 2,000 participating Mississippi Baptist congregations, will vote on a proposed budget of \$12,655,000 for missions and education in 1981, and will elect new officers.

Outgoing president (with two years' service) is Bill Causey, pastor of Jackson's Parkway Baptist Church. Ferrell Cork, pastor, First Church, Aberdeen, is first vice president. David Millican, pastor, South McComb Church, McComb is second

vice president. Joe Odle, recording secretary, died this past March 26. And Paul Harwood, pastor, College Hill Heights Church, Oxford, is assistant recording secretary.

The agency chiefs coming to Jackson's First Baptist Church, where the convention has been meeting for years, include Grady Cothen, Keith Parks, and Darold Morgan.

Cothen is president of the Sunday School Board, Parks is head of the Foreign Mission Board, and Morgan directs the Annuity Board.

The convention kicks off Nov. 11 on Tuesday morning at 8:45, and concludes at 11:45 a.m., Thursday.

Theme of this, the 145th annual convention is "If my people will...I will," taken from II Chronicles 7:14. Each session of the convention will focus on a portion of the Scripture which reads: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from

their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their lands."

Bill Causey will deliver the president's address on Tuesday morning and Frank Gunn, pastor of First Church, Biloxi, will give the convention sermon on Wednesday evening.

## Group Feels Home State Is Full Of Opportunities

By Nolan Houston  
Director of Missions,  
Carroll-Montgomery Association

On July 13, a group of youths and counselors set out in the Valden Church bus for Corinth, Miss., to do Bold Missions. This group consisted of 12 young ladies, their four counselors, a food supervisor (Mrs. Mae Hardin, associational secretary), six men and youths, along with Carroll-Montgomery director of missions, Nolan Houston.

The Corinth trip took the place of one to Michigan which had been cancelled. However, this trip to the mission fields of Mississippi turned out to be a real eye opener under the capable direction of Guy Culver, director of missions for Alcorn-Tishomingo Association.

During the week we stayed at the associational missions office and were organized into six teams which did backyard Bible clubs in the mornings and in evenings where it is hoped new work will be begun. These teams did area survey in the afternoons.

The young men and myself were sent to help construct a new church building on Coleman Park Road, north of Iuka. This new facility is to house the Short Creek Baptist Chapel. Retired Baptist minister, G. D. Jones is pastor.

A layman, only a Christian for six months, supervised the construction. This new facility is going up in an area near the Tombigbee Waterway and the nuclear (TVA) plant construction. New homes and trailers are all over the hills.

The group really enjoyed their work and most of them came home saying they will never be the same after being exposed to the many, many needs of our state in missions.

Said Guy Culver, "God has richly blessed us again by changing your plans and sending you our way. I truly believe it was his divine will."

Truly, we have been running all across our nation and world when our own state of Mississippi is just as full of mission opportunities.

This trip was correlated through Paul Harrell of the Brotherhood Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and Guy Culver.

Our group enjoyed the trip, were blessed, learned a lot and were used of God to fill a need in our own state. So if you want a real mission blessing, call Paul Harrell (354-3704) and ask him if you can be used through some director of missions in some area in our own state.

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## HMB Names Chaplain Director, Appoints 44

ATLANTA (BP) — Southern Baptist Home Mission Board directors appointed a director of hospital and business/industrial chaplaincy, assigned a refugee resettlement coordinator and approved 44 persons for mission service during their September meeting.

Directors also accepted the resignation of Don Rhymes, director of missionary personnel since January 1978, who will become pastor of Prays Mill Baptist Church in Douglasville, Ga.

Robert Wesley Duvall, a chaplain at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., was named to the chaplaincy post. Randy Cash, an HMB missionary to the deaf in Oklahoma, will assume the refugee resettlement position.

Duvall will be responsible for bring-

ing Southern Baptist ministers into contact with chaplaincy opportunities in hospitals, health care agencies and institutions, as well as industry and business. He also will assist churches, associations and state conventions in providing spiritual ministry to hospital staff, patients and families of patients, in addition to employers and employees in industry and business.

Duvall is a graduate of Samford University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He also has received training at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas, Texas.

Cash will be responsible for making Southern Baptists aware of the worldwide refugee situation, enlisting refugee sponsors and leading in follow-up efforts after refugees are resettled. He also will develop a program of resettlement which can be implemented in case of emergencies similar to the recent Cuban exodus. Cash succeeds Gene V. Tunnell who resigned in June.

According to Oscar Romo, director of the language missions division, Cash will "work with refugees in a global dimension, helping whomever (Continued on page 2)



Capping It Off

The bell tower of Woodland Hills, Jackson, built in the 1940's, was designed to have a steeple. Finally, Sept. 11, 1980, the steeple was lifted into place, paid for by memorial gifts. The church is celebrating its 50th anniversary Sept. 21-24. (Story on p. 3). Pictures by Raleigh Lane.



Volunteers work on Short Creek building. The chapel constituted as a church Sunday, Sept. 14.

## Baptists Would Rather Fight Than Switch

ATLANTA (BP) — Nearly half of American Protestants are members of denominations other than those in which they grew up, according to a study by C. Kirk Hadaway, researcher for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

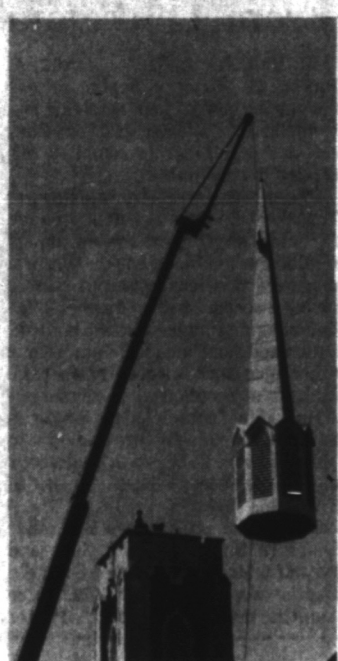
Hadaway's study, contained in the 1980 Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches, shows Southern Baptists are far down the scale in "church switching." However, about 12 percent of persons who are Southern Baptists eventually will change denominations.

"No denomination is able to retain all those who are reared members," Hadaway writes. "But some are more stable than others."

Southern Baptists show increases. Hadaway adds, because of two factors: First, churches enlist children of members and retain them as members throughout their lives. Second, the denomination attracts "religious" converts who are likely to join churches, not merely list the denomination as a preference on opinion polls without making actual commitments to the churches and denomination.

The study notes the most stable denominations are Baptists and Lutherans.

"Their health in terms of growth comes from holding onto their members and effectively incorporating the (Continued on page 2)



Steeple finally goes up...

## Silence Adds To A Golden Performance

"Mime is the language of all people — anyone can understand it. I've never found anyone who couldn't identify with it," says Tammy Walker.

And Tammy proved those words as she mimed her way into the hearts of 2,700 people this summer during the Woman's Missionary Union Conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center in North Carolina.

Most conferees agreed that her stunning interpretations of the theme, "Me, Lord?", were one of the week's highlights.

Mime, one of the oldest forms of drama, tells a story through exaggerated actions and facial expressions. But the Samford University communications major from Birmingham, Alabama, sees it as an effective way to communicate the gospel in the twentieth century.

Tammy has roots in Mississippi. Her father is Thomas Walker, who organized the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Greenville. Her grandmother, Minnie Walker, still lives in Greenville. Thomas

Walker has been pastor of the Hillsboro Baptist Church in Huntsville, Ala., until recently when he accepted the pastorate of First Baptist Church of Paris, Tenn.

Tammy says she first became interested in mime as a student at Butler High School in Huntsville.

"My drama teacher suggested we form a mime troupe. All my friends were doing it, so I started too," she says.

Soon the troupe was conducting workshops and participating in drama competitions.

Since Samford does not offer courses in mime, and since Tammy has been unable to find a mime teacher in the Birmingham area, she has had to perfect her art on her own as well as keep abreast of new trends.

According to Tammy, true mime is performed in either total silence or with background music.

However, at Ridgecrest, Tammy performed to pre-recorded scripts written by Mrs. Audrey Cowley, treasurer, WMU.



SBC Mrs. Cowley's husband, Dr. Bill Cowley, professor of speech

at Samford, is responsible for recruiting Tammy for the Ridgecrest interpretations.

Tammy believes that in this instance a script added to the interpretation of the mime. "It said more than the actions could say by themselves," she says.

Tammy is also quick to point out that mime is physically taxing.

"I started getting in shape (for these performances) in June. First, I jogged to build up my endurance. Then, after I had worked up to a mile, I slacked off the jogging and began exercises to limber up," she says.

Tammy strives for nothing short of perfection in her art.

"I don't want to be a shoddy job," she insists. "I've been in situations where I wasn't prepared and those were my worst experiences. You know you've cheated people."

When she's not working on mime, Tammy manages to stay busy with school and extracurricular activities.

Beginning this fall, she'll be class treasurer for her third year.

She is also features editor of the school newspaper, The Crimson, and a member of an honorary drama society. In the past, she's also been part of a campus ministries' drama group.

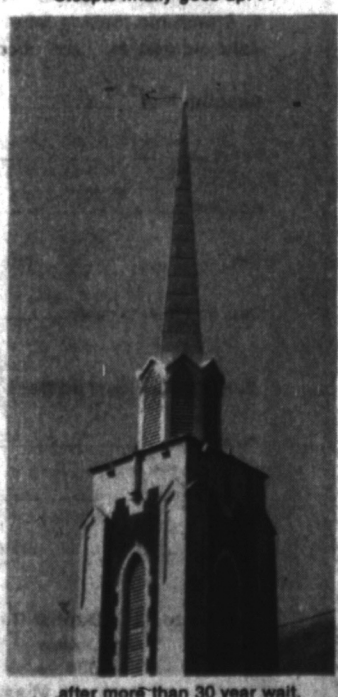
But the energetic Tammy sees drama only as a hobby. "At one time, I thought I wanted to perform professionally, but I don't feel that way anymore. I would like to someday be part of a community theater group," she says.

Her plans for the future include graduate school, and hopes, a career in political reporting.

"I'm interested in current events, and I want to be out there in the middle of things — not just a spectator," she says.

She also sees a career in communications as a way of living out her Christian beliefs.

"It's a competitive field," she admits. "But I believe I can help people just by being a friend and by listening. This summer I tried to do that during my internship at a television station. And several people asked me what being a Christian was all about."



...after more than 30 year wait.

## Investigates Ship Projects

"We don't have all the know-how," said A. Clark Scanlon, executive assistant to the board's vice president for overseas operations.

"We will have many such meetings with many different persons to see how we can generate bold involvement to reach the world for Christ through Bold Mission Thrust," Scanlon declared. "We want to create an attitude of openness and incorporate more grassroots Southern Baptists in overseas ministries."

Over the years Jackson had felt the board should use more rank-and-file volunteers in overseas evangelism instead of emphasizing use of more highly trained persons. So he has worked directly with Southern Baptist pastors and laymen through WEF.

Board staffers, besides listening to Jackson's suggestions, briefed him on the board's increasing and far-flung use of volunteers. Over 3,800 volunteers served overseas last year. Conservative projections indicate more than 4,000 will go overseas this year and that the annual total will exceed 5,000 by 1983. Jackson said he believes the board has greater resources to accomplish the task overseas than any other organization.

## Home State

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we have a struggling church that is going full time and is trying to build its pastor a pastorage. They need help in construction on Saturdays. We are in the process of organizing a group of men to go up to Unity and help them build this facility.

## Relief And Hunger Projects, Consultants Voted By FMB

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — The wide scope of missions in the 1980s unfolded here as the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board named two regional consultants on evangelism and church growth, voted more than \$190,000 for relief and hunger projects in nine countries, but still saved four hours to discuss global strategy with education analyst Ted Ward.

The board, at its September meeting, also authorized Southern Baptist missionaries in Indonesia to work with Indonesian Baptist leaders in negotiating an agreement with the government for relocation of the Bukittinggi Hospital. The hospital has been the target of strong Moslem opposition since its

opening, and these pressures have built to the point where the government is insisting the hospital be relocated in a more favorable area.

Named to the new regional evangelism and church growth consultant posts were Farrell E. Runyan, a 29-year veteran of African missions work, who will be consultant for Africa; and William L. Wagner, fraternal representative to Austria, who will be consultant for Europe and the Middle East.

Two other regional evangelism and church growth consultants will be named later for Latin America and Asia. These four consultants will be part of a team led by Ervin E. Hastey, the board's evangelism and church growth consultant in Richmond. They will assist missionaries and Baptist leaders in helping develop evangelism and church growth strategy in each country. Hastey expects all four consultants to be at work in their new assignments by Jan. 1.

The board appropriated a total of \$193,366 in general relief and hunger relief funds, much of which had already been released on an emergency basis to meet disaster needs following Hurricane Allen in the Caribbean and major floods in Bangladesh.

The total included another \$80,000 to aid victims of the hurricane and to repair damage to Baptist properties.

Ward, a Michigan State University professor frequently called upon to critique the work of Christian mission groups. Ward, who travels widely in helping various governments develop their educational programs, urged board members and staff to be ready for those moments in history when God's opportunities call for new approaches. He will speak during the Mississippi Baptist Convention in Jackson, Nov. 11-13.

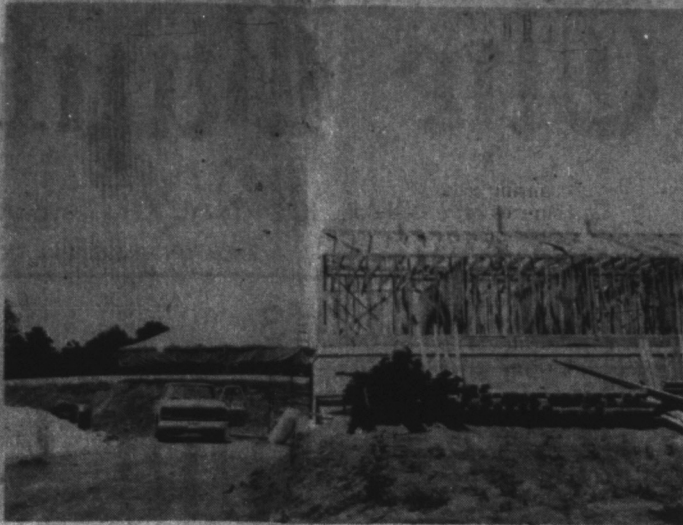
"I'm not here to tell you what to do but to urge you to see our moment in history as a moment demanding new vision," said Ward.

One of the realities of missions emerged earlier in the board meeting as action was taken on the Immanuel Hospital at Bukittinggi, Indonesia.

Efforts to provide a medical facility in that part of Sumatra date back to the early 1960s. Despite repeated opposition from religious leaders in the heavily Moslem area, the hospital opened an outpatient clinic in 1975 and began inpatient service the following year.

But the hospital's location has become a political issue, and the government now indicates it must be relocated in an area where there would be less local opposition.

In other actions, the board paid tribute to G. Norman Price, former Mississippian, who is retiring at the end of October after 17 years as associate secretary for publications.



The circuit tent came down and now the Short Creek congregation meets in the basement of educational building in foreground.



The Carroll-Montgomery group: front row, left to right are Bennie Watson, Marie Compton, Bennie Anderson, Donna Elliott, Sheila Jo Davis, Barbara Carter, Linda Tierce, Brenda Thompson. Back row: Harold Brasfield, Tammie Avant, Connie Carpenter, Jan Ferguson, Mae Hardin, Cleo Elliott, Brenda Tierce, Terri Ray, Betty Ferguson, Felicia Knight, Tammie Nail, Miss Betty Ferguson, Ann Houston. Not pictured are Nolan Houston, Marvonne Goss, Alan Hovas, Laura Killian, Ronnie Donahoo, and Richard Cook.

## Radio-TV Trustees OK Cooperative Proposal

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — Trustees of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission have voted to cooperate with Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary to establish a religious telecommunication degree program.

The proposal, which would create a Center for Christian Communications Studies, is contingent on approval by trustees of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, who will meet in Fort Worth Oct. 20-22.

If approved by seminary trustees, the program will offer a master of arts degree in communication.

Radio and Television Commission trustees, in their meeting, also voted to offer facilities and personnel for active involvement in a proposed Southern Baptist videotape network, expressed their priorities for new television programming, and heard two top denominational officers.

Addressing the 26-member trustee body were Bailey Smith of Del City, Okla., president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and J. Howard Cobble of Avondale Estates, Ga., chairman of the denomination's Executive Committee.

Citing the heightened interest in communications training in the religious community and the scarcity of programs which focus attention on the local church, commission president Jimmy R. Allen told the trustees such a cooperative endeavor would "combine academic excellence and technical excellence" in training media ministers, writers, producers and other similar personnel.

The commission and the seminary cooperated this past spring at a radio, television and cable consultation for pastors and communications committee members for churches broadcasting on radio and television.

Allen told trustees the consultation is expected to be expanded next year into a media training conference which could last several days and attract nationally known speakers. The 1981 conference also will be conducted in cooperation with the seminary.

Commission trustees also considered the agency's role in a proposed Southern Baptist videotape network which has been under study by a broad spectrum of Southern Baptist leadership. The possibility of such a network will be discussed in a called meeting of denomination executives in Nashville Sept. 22.

The trustees affirmed a suggestion

from the administration that the commission offer its facilities and personnel for production of such tapes, including absorbing the cost of the first 25 productions if the video network is established.

The possibility of utilizing much of this material in cable systems to which churches have access was cited as a major reason for commission involvement.

In other actions during the three-day meeting, the board amended and approved the 1980-81 fiscal year operating budget of \$4,201,500; approved a 12 percent requested increase for the 1981-82 Cooperative Program budget to be presented to the Southern Baptist Executive Committee in Nashville Sept. 22, and added \$1,000 a month to the housing allowance of the agency president instead of giving him an already budgeted salary increase for his second year.

In his remarks to trustees, SBC President Smith challenged them to find "fresh new ways to spread the old message of Christ's resurrection and God's love."

"Modern methods are fine if based on the old gospel," he said. "We mustn't forsake our traditional beliefs for new sophisticated technology, but if we put the two together, we have an unlimited vehicle to study the word of God."

## HMB Names

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comes, from wherever they come, however they get here."

Cash in a graduate of Rockingham Community College, the University of North Carolina and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Previous to his assignment in Oklahoma, he was minister to the deaf in North Carolina and missionary to the deaf in New York, New Jersey, New England and Pennsylvania.

Mission appointments included nine missionaries, eight missionary associates, 11 mission pastor interns and 16 persons who will receive church pastoral assistance.

A little boy came home from Sunday School and told his mother that he was the best looking boy in Sunday School. His mother said, "Who said so?" He said, "Nobody needed to say so. I just looked around for myself."

## Baptists Would Rather Fight Than Switch

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children of members into the denomination," Hadaway says, further noting, "Conservatives gain the most committed converts, retain the most committed members and lose those who are least likely to attend."

While the study does not examine specific reasons why the Southern Baptist Convention remains stable, Hadaway says some "inferences" can be made.

Because churches within the denomination are diversified — representing many levels of economic strata and shades of theological perspectives — members can attend an "alternative" Baptist church if they don't feel they "fit in" to the Baptist church nearest them, Hadaway

suffer membership losses, the report says. Because of instability, they are "at a disadvantage in all aspects of switching."

"All denominations attract former members of other religious bodies, but some are more aggressive in their 'sheep stealing,' and others are simply more 'attractive' to would-be switchers," he adds. "As a result, switching is not a process of equal shuffling of members. Some denominations gain and others lose in the process."

## Workshop For Librarians Will Be At Greenville

## Phifer Dies Complications

preached for one of five days of celebration that marked the birth of the independent Baptist Union of Transkei.

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board began work in Transkei when Umtata Baptist Church in the capital city asked for a pastor to lead the church to multiracial status. The Baptist churches of Transkei requested a Southern Baptist missionary to replace the retiring South African missionary who had worked with Xhosa-speaking churches for 30

## Cuban Refugee Camp Closings Emphasize Sponsor Needs

By Marv Knox

ATLANTA (BP) — A government order condemning two Florida refugee camps for "deplorable" living conditions emphasizes the need for Americans to sponsor refugees, a Southern Baptist Home Mission Board language worker says.

Speaking after Florida health authorities shut down two camps housing 25,000 to 30,000 Haitian and Cuban refugees, Hubert Hurt said: "Some people claim we've taken in too many refugees already — that we ought to push these newcomers back into the sea. We have no excuse for this kind of mentality in a so-called Christian nation."

This year, more than 2,500 refugees of various nationalities have been resettled by Southern Baptists from about 400 churches and more than 30 associations, he reports. That figure should reach 3,500 by the end of the year, surpassing last year's total of 3,300.

Hurt notes about 14,000 Cuban refugees remain in the four major government resettlement camps. Thousands more live in Krome North, one of the condemned camps, and Tent City, a makeshift camp underneath Miami's downtown expressways.

Hurt also noted some 20,000 Haitian refugees currently live in south Florida. Most have been herded into Krome South, the other condemned

camp.

Legislation is pending in Congress which will classify the Haitians and many Cubans who have arrived this year as legal refugees, making them eligible for sponsorship and resettlement.

Along with Cubans and Haitians, some 14,000 Indo-Chinese refugees per month arrive in the United States, Hurt said.

"In addition to these large groups, we probably will receive more Afghan refugees in the coming months," he says. "Eastern Europeans and Ethiopians also are coming to this country, and we just received a request for sponsorship from an Indian family."

Hurt urges Americans not to become impatient with refugees who have trouble coping with the pressures that

accompany changing countries.

Persons, churches or associations wishing to sponsor refugees may contact state refugee coordinators working with state Baptist conventions, or they may contact the Southern Baptist Refugee, Resettlement Office by writing to 2715 Peachtree Road, NE, Atlanta, Ga. 30305 or by calling (404) 873-4041.

Hurt says sponsorship of Cubans, Haitians and Indo-Chinese usually is more successful when refugees are settled in areas where other people of similar backgrounds live. Successful resettlements have been made, however, by partnerships between churches which financially sponsor refugees and churches which actually do the "leg work" in communities with refugee colonies.

### Mississippi Baptist Activities

- Sept. 22-23 Sunday School Association Training Schools in all Associations, 7:00-9:30 p.m.
- Sept. 24-25 Associational Baptist Women Directors' Retreat, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
24 — FBC, Oxford  
25 — FBC, Greenwood
- Sept. 26-27 GA Mother/Daughter Weekend, Camp Garaywa, Clinton, 4:00 p.m.-26th-12 Noon, 27th
- Sept. 26-28 BSU Convention, FBC, Starkville, 7:00 p.m., 26th — 10:00 a.m., 28th

## Mississippians Are Among 31 Home Mission Board US 2-ers

By Michael Tutterow

ATLANTA (BP) — Thirty — one young people have been commissioned to spend the next two years of their lives in mission endeavors in the United States as US-2 missionaries of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

A "burden for students to be more affirmative in their faith" brought Clarence and Althea Harris of Miami, Fla., into the program. The Harrises are now working with students in Washington, D.C.

Steve Spurlock of Port Charlotte, Fla., added: "There needs to be an open-arm extension of the church into the everyday lives of people. I have a desire to share with people outside the walls of the church and be involved with them." Spurlock presently is mission pastor in Brookfield, Ohio.

Some of the group see the US-2 program as an opportunity to serve in mission related activities while "getting a feel" for mission work as a possible vocation. Others see it as a chance to cultivate a personal style of ministry and practice it in a mission setting.

For most, the appointment will provide opportunity to grow, to change. "It's an opportunity to make an ever-

lasting impact on the lives of people," said Lynne Hinkelman, from Los Altos Hills, Calif., who will work with students at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

The 31 US-2ers are important to the Home Mission Board, according to Don Rhymes, director of missionary personnel.

"The US-2 appointees help us to do some very critical ministries which would not be done if we did not have volunteers willing to serve with financial sacrifice and in sometimes difficult conditions," Rhymes said.

The group was commissioned during a service led by William G. Tanner, executive director-treasurer, at First Baptist Church of Rome, Ga., which followed a week of orientation at Georgia Baptist Assembly in Toccoa.

The 1980 US-2ers, their hometowns and places of service include Language missions — Steve and Debbie Chisolm of Hattiesburg, Miss., to work in Albuquerque, N. M.

(Tutterow is a US-2 missionary working with the Editorial Services Department at the Home Mission Board.)

## Woodland Hills To See 50th With New Steeple

Woodland Hills Church, Jackson, will celebrate its 50th anniversary Sept. 21-24, with five former pastors as special speakers.

Sunday, Sept. 21, at 10:45 a.m., W. Lowrey Compere and at 7 p.m. Wayne Coleman will preach.

Monday, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m. Fuller B. Saunders will speak; Tuesday, Sept. 23, at 7 p.m., William Henry Crouch will bring a message; and Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 7 p.m., Al Finch will speak.

Charles Muller, former minister of music will be in charge of the music program for the anniversary observance. He is now minister of music at Second Church, Houston, Tex.

A time of fellowship and refreshments will be provided after each evening service.

A choir reunion is planned for Sept. 20, with former members returning to rehearse and have fellowship together. A dinner will be held at the Jackson Hilton for those who attend the choir reunion.

The church has recently bought a steeple, which was erected Sept. 11.

Woodland Hills was organized as Northside Church on Sept. 21, 1930, with 44 charter members. At first the church met in a brick store building on North State Street at Fondren. Later they met in a remodeled house for 17 years.

A pastory built in 1939 at 3331 Old Canton Road is now used by the church as a home for foreign missionaries on furlough.

The church dedicated a new building Sept. 26, 1948, while Lowrey Compere was pastor. (Building had been delayed by World War II.) While Henry Crouch was pastor, the church, with Ridgecrest and Broadmoor, established a mission that later became Colonial Heights Church, and added an education wing.

On Oct. 4, 1959, the church voted to change its name to Woodland Hills. The following summer Fuller Saunders came as pastor. During the 60's a deaf ministry evolved and a pipe organ was installed.

An Activities Building was dedicated in 1967. A private school was established at the church in 1970.

When Saunders resigned after 13 years service at Woodland Hills, he was followed by Al Finch and then by James C. Scirrat, the present pastor who came in 1976 from Hearne, Tex.

The church is growing in mission awareness as it seeks to support Calvary Baptist Church, Laurel, Montana.

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Elizabeth, Rebecca and Lynn McFadden will assist their mother, Mrs. John McFadden, in her presentation of their family's work in Nigeria.

## Mother-Daughter Weekend Will Feature Three MKs

GA Mother/Daughter Weekend at Camp Garaywa will begin Sept. 26 at 4 p.m. and conclude, Sept. 27 at 12 noon. GAs, grade 1-6, and their mothers are included.

On the theme, "Tell the Good News," three missionaries will speak. They are Mrs. Ronald Ballard, Missionary to Paraguay; Mrs. Steve Hicks, missionary to Mexico; and Mrs. John McFadden, missionary to Nigeria. MKs Elizabeth, Rebecca and Lynn McFadden will assist their mother in her presentation.

Sara Talley, consultant, Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will direct the music.

Registration will be from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sept. 26. Mothers will meet that afternoon from 5 to 6 p.m. and then supper will be served at 6.

Waudine Storey, consultant, state WMU department, who is directing the program, said that the cost will be \$12 per person. Registration forms were published in *Alongside*, also forms

may be secured by contacting the WMU, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205. These and the fees are to be returned to state WMU.

## Record To Tell Of Church Page Opportunities

The Baptist Record and Cain Lithographers, printer of the Baptist Record for the past 26 years, are holding a "get-acquainted with the back page" session on Nov. 13, at the Baptist Building immediately after the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Purpose of the meeting, which will be from 1:30 p.m. until 3, is to introduce church staffers to the possibilities of churches' use of the back page of the Baptist Record as a church page.

Today, 11 churches and two associations are using the back page which goes, along with the rest of the Baptist Record, into the homes of all members.

On hand for the meeting will be representatives of churches already using the back page — both camera ready users and type-set users. Also there will be information on estimated financial and time savings, and tips on how to use the page for best church communication.

For more information, contact the Baptist Record, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205, phone 354-3704.

## Newsbriefs

**LOW-TAR CIGARETTES RISK** — "Smoking low-tar cigarettes may reduce a person's risk of getting cancer, but there is no evidence they cut the toll from heart and lung diseases and complications during pregnancy. . . . Seventy-five doctors and scientists at a government-sponsored conference said little is known about the long-term effects of smoking cigarettes with low tar and nicotine levels. They urged more studies. Some challenged the wisdom of government efforts to encourage smokers to switch to the so-called "lighter" brands, and one group called for stern new warnings to discourage pregnant women from smoking. Lawrence Longo, a physiologist from Loma Linda University in California, said there is no evidence "to suggest that the developing fetus is less harmed by (these) cigarettes." Longo . . . said that despite the reduction in tar and nicotine in cigarettes, pregnant smokers still run a 30 percent to 70 percent higher risk of spontaneous abortions. Also, their babies weigh 200 grams fewer than average, and they run a 36 percent to 47 percent greater risk of a premature delivery. . . . The meeting was called by Surgeon General Julius B. Richmond . . . to chart research needs on low-yield cigarettes. Their recommendations will be the basis of the surgeon general's 1981 report to Congress on smoking, which is due in January. — (ST. LOUIS GLOBE-DEMOCRAT, June 12, 1980)

**Help Available For The Compulsive Gambler** — "The non-profit National Council of Compulsive Gambling estimates that since off-track betting was legalized in New York City, the number of compulsive gamblers may have jumped by 250,000 to 500,000. One major Manhattan-based corporation, who monitored its outgoing calls, found that 40 percent were aimed at off-track betting parlors where a \$50 phone line of credit can be established. The compulsives need help before it is too late. And it is developing — with Gamblers Anonymous, Gam-Anon, the National Council on Compulsive Gambling, new treatment programs and centers. For instance, last fall the first, and so far only, state-supported treatment program for compulsive gamblers in the nation was opened in a comfortable colonial house outside of Baltimore. The Veterans Administration is operating three more centers." (The Washington Star, Aug. 20, 1980)

**Stress can squeeze years  
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The problem with stress is not how to get rid of it. It's a part of life. And it's not even all bad. The real problem with stress is how to recognize it and control it. So it doesn't control you.

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Bi-vocational pastors met at Second Church, Calhoun City, Sept. 5 and 6 for an area conference.

# The Baptist Record

OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION

## Editorials

There is no one else . . .

## We Are the Witnesses

As church budgets are being formulated, it would be well to consider the missions needs around the world. A church can be satisfied with itself only when it is reaching out to preach the gospel to others everywhere—in its own community, around the state, across the nation, and where ever it can find a place to witness all over the world.

This is done through the Cooperative Program.

In 1974 Mississippi Baptists adopted for their state convention a goal of increasing the Cooperative Program percentage going outside of Mississippi by one-half of a percentage point each year. That goal is being met on schedule.

In Mississippi the gifts to missions from the churches affiliated with the state convention also have risen dramatically since 1974. In 1974 a budget of \$6.6 million was adopted for 1975. At the convention this year a budget of \$12,655,000 will be recom-

mended for approval for 1981. And as those dollars have been going up in numbers, the percentage of them going outside the state for missions causes around the world has also been going up. This, of course, has escalated the amount of money that Mississippi Baptists have been dedicating to outside missions causes. This means that if the 1981 budget is adopted and is met that some \$380,000 more will be going to missions causes outside of Mississippi than would be the case if the percentage had not changed since 1974. In addition, the increase of dollars alone has almost doubled the amount going outside Mississippi.

These are impressive figures, but what are figures compared with a world and even a nation that have not been confronted with the message of salvation?

In 1977 Southern Baptists took upon themselves the task of witnessing to the entire world before the end of the

century. Almost immediately forces threatening the witness of the Southern Baptist Convention began to make themselves known, but the effort must not be allowed to become sidetracked. The witness must go on. There is no alternative. The Lord said everywhere—at home, across the nation, and around the world—the witness must go on.

Later in 1977 Mississippi Baptists molded their Decade of Advance into the Southern Baptist Bold Mission Thrust, and failure cannot be considered. If there are those who don't want to join wholeheartedly in the effort, that is their privilege; but the work of the Lord is the witness.

The money has increased dramatically, but Bold Mission Thrust has only two sources of fuel. They are money and lives. For the witness to be successful there must be dramatic amounts of both.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention is increasing its percentage of money

going outside the state by one-half of one percent per year. Perhaps there are churches in the state that have not been satisfied with their missions gifts and would see fit to adopt the same one-half of one percent program of increase until a goal has been reached.

The churches would be blessed. The cause of missions would be blessed. And who could measure the blessings that would come to the untold numbers of people who would respond to the gospel because of the increased giving of dollars?

Budgets are in preparation now for adoption, and October is Cooperative Program month. Now is the time to give thought to how important missions outside the local church is to the local church.

The Lord said, "Ye shall be witnesses." There is no one else.

Our individual witness is effective only as we band together in churches. And the witness of churches is greatly enhanced through the ministry of the Cooperative Program.

Nature is the star attraction . . .

## A Picnic at Central Hills

The Baptist Building family had a rare treat last week. On Saturday the people who work in the building and their families were the guests of Central Hills Baptist Retreat for a picnic.

Central Hills Director Dan West and his staff were wonderful hosts, and it was a very enjoyable day.

The writer's two grandsons who live in Mississippi, Aron and Douglas Tyrone of Starkville, were on hand.

Even at the ages of 3 and almost 1, they thoroughly enjoyed the barbecued chicken, the horses, the lake, the canoes, the goats, the cats, and that marvelous outdoor pavilion of 360 acres in general. Everyone who attended enjoyed the experience.

The real star of the day, however, was nature. What a marvelous setting for a Royal Ambassador camp. The hills, the magnificent trees, and the sky unfolded above it all make it a

place where the Lord can be heard very easily as He speaks to young lives.

Man's handiwork continues to improve the area as a summer retreat for boys. The fine camp center building that will house offices, the kitchen, the dining room, and quarters for program guests is nearing completion. A lovely swimming pool is in use. A 16-acre lake was the first improvement

made in the area. The bath houses are clean and modern. There is plenty of room for the horse trails to wind through the hills.

Mississippi Baptists surely should be grateful for Central Hills Baptist Retreat. Its ministry is just beginning and will stretch out through endless years to come. Its impact and its influence on lives will not be measured until after the end of the age.

Guest Opinion . . .

## A stretched vision of the world

by Caye Cook  
Prologue

The following people invested a lot of time and money in foreign missions. We all had a rich, memorable experience in service to our Lord Jesus Christ by helping two independent missionaries in Honduras, Charlie and Carolyn Herrington.

Dr. John Bryson, James Chrestman, Trip Leader, Marjorie Chrestman, R.N., Caye Cook, Bernice Easley ("Pete");

Debra Hall, Marian Harris, Jerry Heilums, Lynne Hildreth, R.N., Bobby Holland;

Dorothy Shannon, R.N., Brad Simpson, Sue Simpson, Edna Twitty, Joe Westmoreland, Jane Williams

Churches represented: Harriburg and First Baptist, Tupelo; Emmanuel Baptist, Starkville; Priceville Baptist; Shannon Baptist; Birmingham Ridge Baptist.

John's interpreter. He would ask each patient which tooth hurt. Nine times out of ten they would reply "todo" meaning "all." And sure enough, one glance into a mouth revealed extensive rotting. John gave quick training lessons to Marian, Debra, Brad, and me; then we were commissioned as dental assistants.

On the nurses' side, Marjorie treated while Carolyn interpreted. Sue served as interpreter for Dorothy and Lynne. Edna, Jerry, and Jane dispensed medicine from the "pharmacy," a table full of medicine surrounded by more medicine in boxes. Meanwhile, James tied up loose ends. "Pete" cooked, and Joe repaired mechanical ailments at the camp—fixing the generator for starters.

After a busy afternoon, we closed shop around six, using a flashlight on the last few patients. Since our electricity came from a gasoline generator, we used it sparingly. After supper we visited the nearby village of Jacaleapa to attend worship service of

We divided into groups and went door to door handing out tracts. The residents of Arinal greeted us with enthusiasm and welcomed us into their homes. The floors of the houses were dirt. In some rooms chickens roosted in and among the furniture. The tracts were received with a sincere gratitude, thankfulness, and smile. The people were extremely friendly and curious to see the "gringos" (North Americans).

Wednesday, Jan. 23 The men thrilled and chilled us this morning about their rat sighting and subsequent chase in their bunkhouse last night. Before we ate breakfast at seven, there must have been 30 people already waiting in the pavilion. Perhaps they know that we will be leaving tomorrow. Charlie and Carolyn have been mentally preparing us, repeating that we can only do so much. The little that we do, though, is so needed. Also, we are reminded of our main goal—to spread the good news of salvation through

In the four days at the clinic, John saw a total of 182 people and pulled 397 teeth. The nurses saw 664 people and dispensed medicine to an additional 169 for a total of 833 who received medicine.

The clinic dispensed 10 gallons of pepperzine, 1 gallon of Benadryl, 4 gallons of liquid child's vitamins, 5 gallons of expectorant, 6 gallons of kapectate, 10,000 aspirins, 5000 vitamin tablets, and 300 tubes of ointment.

Friday, Jan. 25 Shopping day in Tegucigalpa. We hit every store twice searching for gifts to take back to our friends and relatives. That night we went "out on the town" and ate supper at a swanky Spanish restaurant. Then back to the Herrington's to pack.

Saturday, Jan. 26 We were up before five. We chatted and joked, exuberantly anticipating the flight back home. After good-byes and hugs to the Herrington's at the airport, we were off to good ol' Mississippi.

Epilogue

TELL ME AGAIN HOW YOU  
MADE THAT SCRIPTURE  
APPLY TO THE IRAN SITUATION.



## Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

## The Music of a Mountain Stream

Dry, 102-degree days this September have had me wishing I were in Switzerland instead of Jackson. I can imagine eating breakfast on the terrace of Hotel Hirschen at Gunten, looking across Lake Thun toward snow-glazed Alps. The morning is so cool that the hotel has placed an electric heater underneath the table. Bees buzz around me as I spread honey over the hot rolls. After breakfast I walk up a steep lane in the village and stare in awe at the two and three-story shops and chalets, where boxes of scarlet impatiens and pink geraniums decorate every window. (If I could see one geranium bloom like that at my house I would be astonished!) I spy a small chicken pen; even the chicken coop has its own window box of flowers. Of that I must take a picture. Between the chickens and me is a narrow bridge over a bubbling, singing mountain stream that is rushing pell mell around and over rocks, down to the lake. Without touching or tasting the green-hued water, I know it is as cold as the glaciers and icy crevasses from whence it came.

In thought I can go to Switzerland, but then I have to return. Like the mountain stream, I have to keep pushing obstacles out of the way. Drought is killing my grass and trees, but I can ask W. D. to turn on the sprinkler. Drought has also played havoc with my sinuses, and I've been sick with some sort of respiratory ailment for at least a week—fever, coughing, sore throat, headache—the whole bit. My illness made me miss a meeting of our church's Building Committee, that I had resolved not to miss, and caused me to postpone an interview I wanted with Tori Bedells. This obstacle I couldn't move, but maybe I can go around it. I can use the time to think more, pray more, plan an article I've been putting off doing, listen to some tapes I need to hear, and write this column.

I have always liked to set goals. I like the exhilaration I feel when I am able to reach one. (Some people have called me stubborn, for when I hitch my wagon to a star I hold onto the reins with bulldog tenacity.) When I was in

have time to eat? What if we missed a connection? What if we got lost and could not communicate with the German or French-speaking inhabitants? While we stood there talking we missed the "through" train, so had no other choice. We changed first in Berne. In Zurich we walked through the city center in the rain to the boat dock. Along the way we bought a sandwich and a banana to take along for lunch. For one hour and 56 minutes our boat, the Limmat, zigzagged across the lake from one small town to another, past sailboats, rowboats, one canoe, and many ducks. I remember a tall clock tower at Horgan-on-the-Lake. At Meilen men were re-roofing a church tower near an outdoor restaurant under a grape arbor, beside a row of poplars.

The lake widened to allow for a few islands. We docked at Rapperswil, with 26 minutes to rush down the long curving walkway underneath an arch of bushy flat-topped trees to the railroad station. Four minutes took us from Rapperswil to Pfaffikon. The two are on a sort of isthmus that reaches into the lake and a railroad bridge links them. In another 12 minutes we left on a train for Ziegelbrücke. There we had 10 minutes to find the right coach for the five-hour ride to Innsbruck.

Every train we boarded arrived and left on the dot. We rode across a corner of Lichtenstein. In Austria we managed to buy hot dogs and an orange drink from a vendor outside the train window.

Often we were high on the side of a mountain. Other times we rode through deep valleys. Waterfalls plunged over boulders, their white water tumbling down. Over the sound of the train wheels I could not hear the music, but I knew it was there. We arrived at Innsbruck at 10:10 p.m. in the rain, but with a feeling of achievement.

Sometimes, to reach a goal, it's important to take the initiative and to break away from the familiar way of doing things. Long-range life goals may determine the roads we choose to take. Solomon wrote, "The plans of the

## Maxie Jarman, Philanthropist, Dies At 76

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — W. Maxie Jarman, 76, a Southern Baptist layman and philanthropist, died in Nashville Sept. 9.

Funeral services were conducted by H. Franklin Paschall, pastor of First Baptist Church, where Jarman was a Bible teacher and deacon.

Jarman, under whose leadership Genesco Inc. was at one time the largest apparel conglomerate in the world, was a shy and self-conscious man who set out to conquer his shyness by teaching Bible school and making speeches.

Paschall, a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, said of Jarman: "He was one of the best students of the Bible I ever knew. He was a genius."

Jarman was a trustee of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago for almost 40 years and a member of the board of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. He is a former director of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and a member trustee of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation and Southern Baptist Foundation.

In 1949, he was a vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention. He also was a former vice president of the American Bible Society.

Graham credited Jarman with helping to save Christianity Today, a religious publication which had fallen into financial trouble, and said the layman served on the publication's board of directors.

Jarman was instrumental in founding the Christian Bible Society in 1977, and was chairman of the Overview Committee of Bible scholars who prepared the New King James Bible New Testament, published in 1979 by Thomas Nelson Company.

He also was author of two books.

## Eleven From Mississippi Earn Degrees From N. O. Seminary

Eleven from Mississippi were among those who completed requirements at the end of the summer for degrees from New Orleans Seminary. They participated in spring graduation exercises May 17.

The eleven were James F. Dixon, Liberty, Master of Church Music; James C. Gilbert, Heidelberg, Master of Church Music; Elvin Timothy Webb, Wiggins, Master of Divinity; Richard C. Fletcher, Gulfport, Master of Divinity; Phyllis Karen Jones, Meridian, Master of Religious Education; Olin Cobb Johnson, native of Cuthbert, Ga., Master of Divinity; Schuyler Batson, Master of Church Music, native of Alexandria, La.; Jud Meaders, Jr., Hickory; Master of Divinity; Johnnie Place, Jr., Tylertown, Associate of Divinity; Bruce C. Wade, Laurel, Master of Religious Education; and Steven Morse, Jackson, Master of Divinity.

Dixon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Dixon, Jr. of Liberty and is married to Sharon Kirkland.

Gilbert, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Gilbert of Clarksville, Ga., is married to former Carolyn Cooley. He is serving Mount Zion Church, Prairieville, La.

Webb is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S.



## Wildwood Gives Buick To Pastor

The Wildwood Baptist Church of Clinton, Mississippi, gave its pastor and his wife a new Buick Regal for their fifth anniversary on August 16.

In the picture above THE FRED WOMACKS are receiving the key from Bobby Covington, chairman of deacons.

Across the past five years Wildwood has experienced much growth in many ways. Two meaningful ways have been in the categories of membership and annual receipts. The membership increased from 98 to 647, as of August, while the budget increased from \$16,000 to \$254,000.

## Texas Baptists Approve 10 Million For Lottie

DALLAS (BP) — A special \$10 million "Lottie Moon Plus" offering was approved by the Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas during its fall meeting in Dallas. The one-time offering includes an \$8 million goal for the regular Lottie Moon offering and an additional \$2

million goal to assist Brazilian efforts to double churches and membership by 1982, the centennial year for Baptist work in Brazil.

Texas Baptists have been involved in a mission to Brazil since 1978, helping Brazilian Baptists achieve their centennial goals. Since the campaign began, more than 600 persons from Texas have been to Brazil and have recorded more than 8,000 decisions for Christ.

## Revival Dates

Mayersville Church: Sept. 21-24;

Martin Williams of Antioch Church, Brandon, evangelist; Oster R. Daniels, pastor, to direct and bring special music; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday at 1:30 p.m. special music to be presented by a group from Carthage, under direction of Harry Daniels.

Raymond Church: Sept. 21-26; James Fancher of Jackson, evangelist; music under leadership of Bob Shuttleworth; Edith Ballard, organist; Ann Laster, pianist; Sam Mason, pastor; services 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. weekdays.

Hernando Church: Sept. 21-26; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; T. J. Delaughter, professor emeritus, New Orleans Seminary, evangelist; Buddy Edge, music minister, song leader; W. E. Corkern, pastor.

Campbell Creek (Simpson): Oct. 3-5; Vernon May, evangelist; Greg Wittingham, pastor; services at 7:30 p.m.

McCool Church, McCool: Sept. 21-25; Kennedy Alford, evangelist, Montgomery, Ala.; Dick Hill, Arlington, Tex., musician; services Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Thurs. at 11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; covered dish luncheon following services Mon.-Thurs.; Calvin Kelly, pastor.

## Finnells Given One-Year Job In Singapore

David and Linda Finnell, missionaries, have been in Singapore awaiting visas to move into Malaysia, where he plans to teach at the Baptist seminary in Penang. Recently the Job Advisory Committee of the Foreign Mission Board asked him to take a one-year assignment in Singapore as co-director of Urban Evangelism Project. The Singapore station has approved and David has accepted. The Finnells' address is 8 Leicester, Singapore 1335.

"It's bad to act like a fool, but it is worse if you are not acting."

## Parkway Will Celebrate 20th Anniversary

Parkway Church in Kosciusko will observe its 20th anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 28.

Following a special anniversary service, the church will serve an old-fashioned "dinner on the ground." Robert (Bobby) Smith is the pastor.

## Homecomings

Homecoming at Cambridge Church, Gautier, will be on Sept. 28. Al Green, former pastor, will bring the morning message. "We will have dinner on the grounds immediately following the morning service," states Carol D. Lister, church secretary. Rob Davis is pastor.

Rawls Springs Church (Lebanon) will observe Homecoming on Sept. 28 in recognition of the 27th anniversary of the founding of the church. Featured speaker for the day will be H. L. Davis, a former pastor at Rawls Springs.

Founded in 1883 as Central Church, Rawls Springs has always had a strong missionary zeal.

In addition to the message by Davis at the 11 a.m. service, there will be testimonies, special music, and presentation of a brief history of the church. Lunch will be served. An afternoon service of singing and testimonies will be held, featuring singing groups from the church as well as a visiting group.

A goal of "at least 300" has been set for Sunday School attendance, according to Bill Mitchell, pastor.

Providence Church, Yazoo County, will have homecoming Sunday, Sept. 28. C. J. Olander, retired minister who lives at Tchula and is a former pastor of Providence, will preach at 11 a.m.

The church will serve dinner on the grounds. A song and praise service to begin at 1:30 p.m. will include special music groups, and brief messages and testimonies. Robert I. Martin is the pastor.

On the fourth Sunday in September, 1915, C. J. Olander became pastor at Providence. In the 65 years since then he has led many revivals at the church. This is his 11th consecutive year to speak at the church's homecoming on the fourth Sunday in September.

Olander states, "Those who called me to the church are all dead; their offspring are now in the late 60s and 70s. When I became pastor of Providence, there were about 150 members. Now the number is small because two churches have been established in neighboring communities by this church. Also young people have moved away to find employment." He adds, "The per capita gifts through the Cooperative Program have been and are in the 'top ten' in our state convention."

Antioch Church, Calhoun County, will hold homecoming day on Sept. 28. Watt Carter, Jackson, layman, will bring the morning message. Larry Bratton and Linda Ward, a brother-sister team, will present special music in the morning service.

Lunch will be served on the grounds at 12. At 1 p.m., a song service will begin, conducted by Stanley Williams. James West is pastor.

Brooksville Church will hold homecoming Sunday, Sept. 28. James B. Riley, pastor at Brooksville, 1950-55, will speak at the morning worship service. A barbecue dinner will be served at the church. An old-fashioned hymn sing will begin at 1:30 p.m. (Jerry F. Zgarba, pastor, will observe his fifth anniversary there Oct. 12.)

Faith is what you have left after every thing else has been lost. Your ideas move forward into reality through your conviction and faith. If I believe a thing, the effort will follow even if I am not thinking of it at the time. The idea has become engraved on the subconscious mind as a result of belief and faith. Your faith and belief are the very scales on which the portions of what you want will be weighed out to you. The only limit to faith is that it cannot become fear. We must develop that kind of faith that lingers when our dreams fall apart. — Paul P. Parker

Thursday, September 18, 1980

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## Staff Changes

Chris Marengo of Gulfport has accepted the call to be minister of music and youth at Slayden Church, Marshall Association. He and Nadine, his new bride, are attending Blue Mountain College to prepare to go to the mission field one day.

Randy Gillespie has accepted the pastorate of the Peach Creek Church, Panola County.

Ron Surber began duties as minister of education of Temple Church, Hattiesburg on Aug. 24. Surber moved to Temple from Calvary Church, Nacogdoches, TX.



Roy L. McKay has accepted the call of Madden Church, and moved there on Sept. 3 from Union Church, Roxie. His new address is Route 2, Walnut Grove, MS 39189.



McCool Church (Attala), has called Bill Salley of Durant as minister of music. Calvin Kelly is pastor.

David Ard has become pastor of Shiloh Church, Lafayette County. He and his wife, Richie, and two daughters, Lori and Amanda, moved to the field Sept. 13. He was formerly with North Oxford Church. The Shiloh Church and pastorage are under renovation.

Phil Walker has resigned as pastor of Thompson Church to become the pastor of First Church, Leakesville. A reception was given for him, his wife Jody, and his daughter Brittany on Sept. 7, following the evening service. Walker will also be continuing his work in the Th.D. program at New Orleans Seminary.

Irvin Boudreaux was recently called as minister of education and youth at the Hernando Church, where W. E.



Corkern is pastor. Boudreaux and his wife, Monica, were welcomed by the church with a pounding. Boudreaux has served churches in Louisiana in similar positions. He is a native of New Orleans, La., and received a B.A. degree from Southeastern Louisiana University and M.R.E. from New Orleans Seminary. The Boudreauxs have a new son, Jeremy, born Sept. 3.

Mamon Morris has accepted the pastorate of Drivers Flat Church, Calhoun County.

Kenneth McDavid is joining the staff of Oakland Heights Church, Meridian, as minister of music and youth. He and his wife Cynthia will move there during October.

Danny Cheatham has been elected as interim pastor of Adaton Church, Oktibbeha Association. Joey Brent will serve as associate pastor and youth director.

Sam Waters has accepted a call as music director of Calvary, Pascagoula. He is a native of Louisville, Ky. and graduated from the Boyce School at Southern Seminary. He has served churches in Kentucky and Alaska. His wife, Elise, is a native of Fontainebleau and is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Perry. She formerly was organist at First, Gulfport. They have three children.

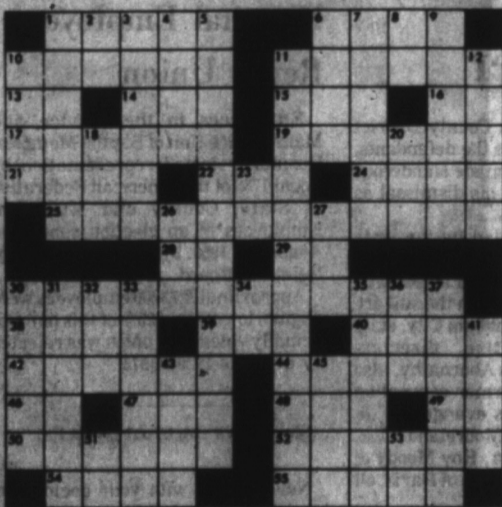
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3 Barnabas (Acts 4:36)  
4 Flower  
5 "So thin — in us" (2 Cor. 4)  
6 Antiochus  
7 "he fell into a —" (Acts 16)  
8 Diphthong  
9 Adduce  
10 Old Russian area  
11 Son of Joel  
12 "So when they had —" (John 21)  
18 Most of ash  
20 Rhine tributary  
23 Hawaiian hawk  
26 Bark  
27 Kind of reward (Luke 23:41)  
30 Tag and others  
31 Exact likeness  
32 Vehicle  
33 Entrance  
34 Each: abbr.  
35 Saluted one (Rom. 16:15)  
36 Japanese fish  
37 Begins  
41 Shinto temples  
43 New  
45 Department of France  
51 Winch: abbr.  
53 Liquid measure: abbr.

ACROSS

1 Abilene's son (1 Chron. 2:29)  
6 Colonade  
10 "Give —" (Matt. 14)  
11 He cried aloud (Gen. 3:6)  
13 Given to Lot's children (Gen. 2:9)  
14 Roman highway  
15 Historical period  
16 Chinese measure  
17 "— the devil" (Jas. 4)  
19 In the church at Antioch (Acts 13:1)  
21 "— daily" (Matt. 26:55)  
22 Crested hawk-parrot: So. Amer.

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## Bay Vista Team Teaches In Colorado

The week of June 20-29, Bay Vista Baptist Church sent six helpers to the First Spanish Speaking Baptist Church, of Denver, Colo. to help in teaching their Vacation Bible School.

Work was carried on in pre-school, grades 1-6, and youth. Music periods were also held each day.

The group was led by Bill Wade, minister of music and youth at Bay Vista.

The church in Denver is under the direction of Jerry and Joyce Master-son. Those assisting were Peggy Russell, Al Centeno, Gwen Jordan, Dennis Jordan, Denise Jordan, and Bill Wade.

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Hayes House — after.

## Southside, Yazoo City, Remodels Hayes House As Education Annex

Southside Church, Yazoo City, on Sept. 28 will dedicate the Hayes House as its education annex. The mayor of the city will cut the ribbon. The day of celebration will include dinner on the grounds.

The conversion of the house to education space for the church is, according to the pastor, Cliff Shipp, "a symbol of a church and its commitment to its community. It is a story not simply of survival, but of victory."

Southside Church was organized in October, 1957, in an old residential section near downtown Yazoo City, close to the bus station and the Yazoo Hotel. The church came into being through the merger of Grace Baptist Church and several members of First Baptist Church, as a witness to this downtown section.

Over the years, change affected the community. New housing to the north of the city drew many of the older residents of the city, as well as many of the new. The Southside area increased in commercial appearance and old family dwellings gave over to apartment rentals. As the environment shifted, the growth of the church leveled off. Many families moved their church memberships nearer their homes. The bus station moved to the edge of town, and the hotel closed. Though change was not drastic or swift, it came.

The church became stable and at times almost stagnant," Shipp says. In 1977 Ray Grissett, consultant, Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, helped the church do a study of itself and its community. Several options were explored and changes were suggested.

Shipp reports, "After much prayer and study, some changes are made. The greatest change made was in the self image of the church; a new vision was seen. The idea of being a small

struggling church was not given up easily but it was given up. The results were quickly felt."

New emphasis was placed on preschool and young adult levels. Deacon rotation and deacon ministry were started, as well as a practical ministry to the older members.

A Golden Age Club was started by some older members. (Later it became a separate function from the church, but the pastor said "The heart of this club was the mission-mindedness of several ladies.")

Several men volunteered to do house repair and to cut wood for the widows of the church. The pastor developed a referral ministry with community resource centers: mental health, community section, welfare, and others. "A sense of ministry and missions was reborn into the church," he said.

Sunday School attendance has increased by 35% over the past two years. The preschool department has grown from 8 to 39 in the past few years. The average age of the active men within the church is about 38, as

compared to near 60 a few years ago. Many of the members now drive as far as five miles to the church.

With growth and increased activity, the church began to need more education space. A study committee reported that they felt a new building would be too costly, and that the community would not benefit from another brick building. They recommended that the church buy the Hayes House across the street from the church and restore it for the community and city, and use it for education space.

The Hayes house, once a proud monument of the community, was beginning to look aged and worn. Southside bought it. The people worked together to restore the interior and the grounds. Outside painting, a contracted job, took over 125 gallons of paint.

The world is always ready to receive talent with open arms. — Holmes

Beware of him that telleth tales. — Anonymous

## Couple Starts Baptist Work In Communist Area Of Philippines

LEYTE, Philippines — An area in the Philippines which has had heavy communist infiltration now has a Baptist witness.

During Christmas vacation last year, a young school teacher and her husband started Baptist work on the island of Leyte, where she was born. While they were there nine people requested baptism.

Because of the response the couple experienced, members of a young Baptist church in Davao City, on the island of Mindanao, are working with Southern Baptist missionaries in the Philippines to send a team of evangelists to southwest Leyte to establish the first Baptist church on the island.

Twelve church members will conduct Bible classes, street meetings and other evangelistic services and witness door-to-door. The Baptist Mission is providing matching funds for this short-term thrust, plus additional funds to allow two Filipino missionaries to work on Leyte for approximately two years.

## Just For The Record . . .



LEWIS NOBLES and MRS. NOBLES, president and first lady of MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE, welcomed the 1980 freshman class with a reception in their home on campus. The freshman class is one of the largest in history. Attending the reception, from the left, are RHONDA STAMPS, Nicaragua; SUSAN MASAVAGE, Singapore; AMY POYTHRESS, Baskingridge, NJ.; BAMBI FLOWERS, Yazoo City; and DIANNE GILL, Hazlehurst.

## Pavilion Trusses Fall Down; Volunteers Put Them Back Up

Jackson County volunteers worked this summer to build a day camp site, including a pavilion. Many people helped, though at times the number was few. (They expected the camp to be complete by some time in September.)

Roy Wood, pastor of Bellehaven, challenged his church to buy the blocks for restrooms, at a dollar a block, and had a good response.

C. H. Stone, pastor at Bellefontaine, led his church to buy in the concrete for the restroom foundation and floor.

Saturday, Aug. 16, the trusses for the pavilion came tumbling down. The following men worked nearly 13 hours nailing the trusses back up: Dan Hem-

bree, Kenna Byed, C. H. Stone, Tommy Kendrick, R. D. Turner, Don Oliver, Herbert Callahan, Kevin Stone, Larry Doffing, Bill Frazier, Don Welch, C. I. Miller, and Allen Webb.

A speaker was addressing a group of businessmen when the public address system ceased to function. Raising his voice, he asked a man in the back row if he could hear.

"No," said the man. Whereupon a man in the front row stood up. "I can hear," he shouted to the gent in back, "and I'll trade places with you."

Martin Bluff, Jackson County, will dedicate its new multipurpose education building Sept. 21. Ray Moncrief, pastor, said that dinner will be served at the church. Zeno Wells will bring the morning message. Allen Webb, Jackson County director of missions, will preach the dedication message.

Lemoyne Boulevard, Jackson County, will dedicate its new building Oct. 5. Bill Renick, pastor, said that the church will organize, and dedicate its new building on the same day, at 2 p.m. Dinner will be served on the grounds.

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Hayes House — before.

## Southern Baptist Gifts Show August Increase

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Southern Baptists gave over a million dollars more to their education and missions enterprises through the national Cooperative Program in August than they did in August 1979.

That 20 percent increase pushed August undesignated gifts to \$6,356,628, raising the year to date total to \$65,847,384. Undesignated gifts through the first 11 months of the fiscal year are \$7,526,979, or 12.9 percent, ahead of the same period last year.

If the 12.9 percent increase holds for the final month, September's undesignated offerings will be approximately \$6.6 million. That would be enough to meet the 1980 operating and capital needs budgets and edge into the \$12 million challenge budget by \$1.45 million.

Designated gifts for August were \$1,177,897, a 46.5 percent increase over August 1979. Total designated gifts for the year are \$62,108,689, up 15.2 percent over last year.

With one month remaining in the fiscal year, designated and undesignated receipts together total \$127,956,072. That is an increase of \$15,726,153, or 14 percent, over last year.

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They are never alone that are accompanied with noble thoughts. — Philip Sidney

Little minds are tamed and subdued by misfortune; but great minds rise above it. — Washington Irving

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## Names In The News

Mrs. Bessie Simmons Purl, mother of Millard Purl, McComb, pastor of Hebron Church, Mississippi Association, died Aug. 20 at Beacham Memorial Hospital, Magnolia. Mrs. Purl, 85, had been a resident of the Locust Street Nursing Home in McComb. She was the wife of the late Joseph C. Purl, Sr. Survivors include one other son, D. L. Purl, Metairie, La.; and two daughters, Mrs. Carruth Lenoir, Magnolia; and Mrs. Bill Smith, Orlando, Fla.; one brother; one sister; 12 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were held at Catchings Chapel, McComb, Aug. 22, with Farish Smith, Joe Ratcliff, and Billy Ray Simmons in charge. Mrs. Purl was a member of First Baptist Church, Magnolia.

Barry Jenkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Corbin Jenkins, has surrendered to full-time gospel ministry. He is a member of Hebron Church in Grenada. Jenkins is available for speaking opportunities and can be contacted at Route 4, Grenada, MS. William C. Foster is pastor of Hebron.

Columbus, Ohio (EP via RNS) — Gov. James A. Rhodes signed into law here a clergy confidentiality act. The new statute, which becomes effective Oct. 22, exempts clergy from being required to testify in court about matters revealed to them as religious counselors.

Kenneth L. Anderson was ordained to the gospel ministry on Sept. 7 by the Elmo Church (Union-Adams Association) which called him as pastor in July. Anderson is a graduate of Mississippi College and is a student at New Orleans Seminary. He is married to the former Candace Phillips of Clinton.

Mrs. Gordon Holloway of Route 2, Rolling Fork, has completed her 29th year of perfect attendance in Sunday School at the Valley Park Church in the Sharkey/Issaquena Association. W. D. Kirk is the pastor and Ted Porter is the Sunday School director.

### The Budget — A Good Tool

Remember the old push-type lawn mower? It took all your strength to mow the yard. Then came the power mower, then the riding mower, and I predict an air-conditioned riding mower soon. The end result is still the same — you mow the lawn.

There are old fashioned, hip-pocket budgets still used in some places. Some families just use the check stubs with little forethought or planning as to how funds are allocated. — W. Guy Henderson, Consultant, Stewardship.

Love is more easily illustrated than defined.

Lloyd Dewberry, layman from First, Maben, has joined a group on a mission trip to Paris, France, where he and the others helped to rebuild a church building.

William Moote is serving as interim Seamen's Center Director for Jackson Association. A retired teacher, he is pastor at Red Creek Union. He formerly served in the merchant marines and can converse in ten languages.

Gateway Church, 308 N. Garden, Roswell, N. M. has a new associate pastor in charge of the music ministry, announces Clark Whitten, pastor. Gary Hodges, formerly of Vicksburg, assumed the position on July 27. He and his wife, Jo Ann, and their two daughters, Angelica-Maria, 11, and Hope, 9, have moved to Roswell.

For the past six and a half years, Hodges has served as music and youth director at Woodlawn Church in Vicksburg. He attended Emmanuel College in Franklin Springs, Georgia, and the University of Southern Alabama in Mobile. He has been in the music ministry for ten years. Hodges formerly sang and recorded with the Mississippi Singing Churchmen. In 1977, he recorded his first solo album, "Because He Lives."



Hodges

## Three Profs At Southern Assume Endowed Chairs

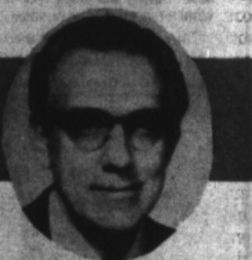
Three professors at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., assumed endowed chairs August 26 during the seminary's fall convocation as Southern Baptists' oldest institution began its 122nd year.

Wayne E. Ward assumed the Joseph Emerson Brown Chair of Christian Theology, succeeding Dale Moody who retired in July after serving in that position for 26 years. Moody is now senior professor of Christian Theology at Southern Seminary. Ernest O. White, who joined the seminary's faculty this fall, will be the Gaines S. Dobbins Professor of Church Administration, and G. Maurice Hinson accepted the newly-established Carolyn King Ragan Chair of Church Music.

The century-old Joseph Emerson Brown Chair of Christian Theology, to which Ward was installed, was Southern Seminary's first endowed professorship, and was provided by a gift from the late Governor Brown of Georgia in 1880. Brown is the only person ever to serve four terms as governor of Georgia.

The Gaines S. Dobbins Chair of Church Administration, which White will assume, was established in honor of the first Dean of Southern Seminary's School of Religious Education, who served the seminary from 1920-1956.

The Carolyn King Ragan Chair, authorized by the seminary board earlier this year, is funded by proceeds from a trust established by the late Mrs. Ragan, who lived in Atlanta, Ga., and honors the memory of her family. Southern Seminary presently has 16 named professorships.



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## Jackson County Seminary Extension To Offer Biblical Background Course

Jackson County Association's Seminary Extension program, which opened with a course last spring, is offering a fall course entitled "Biblical Background," beginning Sept. 25. Classes will meet, as in the spring, at the associational center at 3709 Hospital Street in Pascagoula, Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m.

Accredited by the Seminary Extension Department of Southern Baptist Seminaries and granting one semester hour of credit to those completing the course who desire it, the course is open to all adults and to young people who have completed at least the junior year of high school. Several students in the course offered last spring were from churches other than Southern Baptist. "Biblical Backgrounds" is a systematic study of the historical geography and archaeology of Bible lands and peoples.

Zeb L. Brister, pastor of the Unity Baptist Church of Pascagoula, teacher of the first course, will teach this course also. He is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, with the degrees of Master of Theology and Doctor of Theology. He majored in New Testament, in completing the work for the doctorate, and minored in Old Testament and in theology. His doctoral thesis was written on the Book of Revelation. He taught Bible in Oklahoma Baptist University, from which he had received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in English, and for more than 20 years has taught extension courses.

Enrollment for the course, for which there is a tuition and matriculation fee of \$20.00, may be made at the time of the first class meeting, Sept. 25. Copies of the textbook, *Biblical Backgrounds*, Adams and Callaway, will be available at that time at a price of about \$10.00. Persons who wish may pre-

enroll by writing Brister, who also serves as extension director, at 3603 Scovel Avenue, Pascagoula, MS. 39567, or calling 762-3960 (home), 762-5935 (church), or, if no answer at these 769-7101.

The course is scheduled for completion on Nov. 20.



### BSU Gives Check To US-2'ers

Baptist Student Union at Jones Junior College has presented a check for \$100 to Steve and Debbie Chisolm. Randy Sims, second from left, missions chairman, made the presentation.

The Chisolms, appointed as US-2 workers by the Home Mission Board to serve in Albuquerque, N. M., spoke to the BSU during both morning watch and noonday services about their appointment and the work they will be doing.

The Chisolms are both former BSU members at Jones. During the 1977-78 school year, Debbie (Hehn) from Jones County served as president; and Steve, from Clarke County, served as vespers chairman. On the left is the BSU Director at Jones, John F. Sumner, Jr.

### Devotional

## Joy Cometh In The Morning

By William M. Waddle, Pastor Emmanuel Church, Grenada

For his anger endureth but for a moment; in his favor is life; weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. (Psalms 30:5).

Many people today suffer from earthly sorrows, physical pains, and the cares of this world. For the Christian there will come a day when all this will end. Joy will come for us when we meet the Saviour.

When World War I and World War II ended, bands played. People were so happy they shouted, rang bells, beat on pans, honked car horns, rang church bells, and ran into the streets crying, "The war is over!" There was something to be happy about.

Think of the joy we will know on the resurrection morning. The war between heaven and hell will end. The Lord will descend from heaven with a shout, the trumpet of God will sound, the graves will burst open, and the dead will rise. There will be joy unheard of that glorious morning.

It will be a morning of victory over sin. Sin has brought only bad things to this earth. Sin causes shame, trouble, little children to have to go hungry, homes to be broken. Sin only leads down a dark path of night.

But God is not through. My friend, there is coming a joyous morning when God is going to wipe all tears away from the eyes of His children and we are going to walk boldly in His very presence. Praise God there is joy coming in that new day!



Waddle

## Harrisburg Wins Softball Tournament

The third annual High School Boys Slow Pitch Softball Tournament, held recently at Van Winkle Church, Jackson, drew 12 teams from churches over the state. The tournament is sponsored jointly by the Van Winkle church and the Pepsi Cola company. First place winners were the defending champions from Harrisburg, Tupelo. Second place went to West Jackson Street, Tupelo, and third place went to Sylvania Church, Tupelo.



## Uniform Lesson

### God's Covenant And Moses

By Jack Glasse, Chairman, Division of Religion, MC Exodus 2:23-3:14; 19:1-8

The Lesson Background

The Pentateuch presents four central themes that are interwoven in all biblical thought. The first, in spite of man's sin and continued rebellion (Genesis 3-11), is a hope based on a divine promise of ultimate victory (Genesis 3:15). The second, related to the promise, is the theme of election with its corresponding promises of land, people, and prosperity (Genesis 12:1-3). The sovereign God, through His free choice, selects instruments to perform His redemptive purposes among all men (Genesis 12:3; Exodus 19:5-6). Election (for service) is accompanied by covenant. God does not violate man's freedom to accept or reject the divine call. The covenant then constitutes and guarantees the validity of the relationship. When accepted by the participants, it is a binding agreement. Violation of the stipulations by one of the participants annuls the agreement. The final main theme, law, growing out of covenant, provides instructions or guidance.

The Pentateuch divides history into four covenant periods: the first, implied, is with Adam (cf. Genesis 1:1-2:4a). The second is with Noah and no condition or explicit stipulations are stated (cf. Genesis 9:8-17). Likewise, the third, the covenant with Abraham, is also unconditional (cf. Genesis 17). The last, the covenant with Israel at Sinai (cf. Exodus 19:5-6), is the most significant. It is conditional, and is followed immediately by the covenant stipulation (Exodus 20).

Modern archaeology has helped clarify the biblical covenant concepts. Two types of covenants have been

gives His law to guide those who will accept His Lordship.

God's covenant offer to Israel through Moses (19:1-5) and the subsequent chapters (19-24, 32-34) form the climactic point of the Pentateuch. All the prior events lead up to this strategic moment. For example, the Egyptian sojourn of nearly 400 years began favorably: Joseph was able to serve his family from famine and settle them in the fertile Goshen area (Genesis 47:27). However, as the years passed, a new dynasty arose in Egypt ("that knew not Joseph" (Exodus 1:8). From a position of privilege, the lot of Israel changed to that of slavery (Exodus 1:9-11). God heard their cry (Exodus 2:24-25) and sent Moses to lead them on their journey to freedom. God demonstrated His control over history and nature as He freed His people and supplied their needs. He led them apart to the "sacred mountain," Horeb, and there offered to bind Himself to them in covenant.

I. God's Deliverance Reviewed

1. The encampment at Sinai (1:2). Three months after leaving Egypt the people arrived at the mountain of God where Moses had received his call (Exodus 3:1,12). Most authorities identify Sinai with Jebel Musa ("Mount of Moses"), a peak located in the extreme south of the Sinai peninsula. The area is rocky, uninviting, and isolated.

2. The deliverance reviewed (2-4). Moses went up into the mountain and God spoke to him again (cf. Exodus 3:12). Israel was to be reminded that their freedom came as a result of God's acts: he delivered them from the Egyptians and bore them "on eagle's wings" (cf. Deut. 32:10-12).

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## Life and Work Lesson

### Beliefs Do Make A Difference

By Bobby Perry, Pastor, First, Moss Point

2 Peter 1:16-21; 2:1-3, 18-19

One of my seminary professors often said, "Repetition is theological music." Like any good teacher, the Apostle Peter knew the value of repetition. In this he followed the example of Jesus, the greatest of all teachers.

Since Peter realized the urgency to exhort and instruct these believers before the Lord took him home, he took steps to leave his message with them. Some believe Mark wrote down the messages of Peter and incorporated them into his Gospel. A very early tradition confirms this view. Others believe Peter intended to write additional letters. Probably the best view is that these letters (I and II Peter) accomplished this.

I. Foundations of Truth Expounded

A. The Witness of Peter (vv 16-18)

The truths which Peter taught were not fables; they were facts. It is often difficult to distinguish fable from fact in ancient writings, but there is no question about the information given in God's word. Not only does it appear to be and claim to be the Word of God, but it also proves to be God's Word. There is a self-authenticating quality about the Word which results from the ministry of the Holy Spirit among believers (I John 5:9-11).

The return of Christ to the earth is mentioned by the author in verse 16. Peter firmly believed that Christ was going to return to earth. Additional proof of it was given to him at the time of the transfiguration of Christ.

Peter's testimony concerning the truthfulness of his message is reinforced by the fact that he was an

readers than the experience Peter had become they weren't present at the transfiguration. On the other hand, they could read the prophets who received their message from God.

The last part of verse 19 probably refers to the coming of Christ, the day star, for His own and the fulfillment of the promises to them in the Word. But, the question may be asked, how can we know that the prophetic portions of the Bible will be fulfilled? The answer lies in the nature of the Bible. According to verse 20 no prophetic Scripture (possibly a reference to all of the Old Testament) came into existence because of the desire of the writers of Scripture. Peter is not speaking about the interpretation of the Word; rather, he is indicating how the Bible originated.

II. False Teachers Exposed (2:1-3)

Peter believed he had a responsibility to God's people to warn them of error which was going to creep into the church. His message in chapter 2 is a negative presentation.

A. Before the Lord

The Apostle's audience was evidently familiar with the Old Testament, for he makes reference to it in verse 1. He reminds them of the false prophets who were found among the people in their ranks. They would not come as open deniers of the truth, but rather would bring in alongside of the truth heresies of destruction.

Specifically, the error of these false teachers revolved around the doctrine of Christ. What did these false teachers say about Christ's death? They denied, evidently, that it was sufficient for man's need.

B. Before the People

Two dangers are found in verse 2. These false teachers will lead people astray because they will follow the

Third, the destruction of false teachers. The end of these false teachers is pictured as being on its way.

III. Freedom From Sin's Slavery Emphasized (2:18,19).

Peter has been warning believers against false teachers. Here he draws attention to another aspect of their falseness, "While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption." When the apostle says, "They promise them liberty," he means liberty from the natural consequences of the natural processes, because when nature works out the way it does, the person will become interested in himself and he will be self-centered, egotistic. A person can be free from that, as in the Gospel he is promised liberty from this natural consequence.

When a thing becomes corrupted it is a whole mess of ugly decayed matter. Corruption is the natural state into which dying leads. Paul says the spirit of man is born in corruption but is raised in the newness of life in incorruption. By the word "corruption" we mean something that is dying all the time, and that is the way with anything that is natural. The Gospel of Christ promises to deliver, to set a person free, from the natural course of events. People who are not free are actually involved in something that is dying all the time. Peter is implying here that false leaders are persons who preach as if they were believers in Christ, but they have never crucified the flesh. They have never put themselves to death; they have never reckoned themselves to be dead indeed unto sin. They are still married to the flesh.

The only way to be free from self is to

